

# IGF Coalition on Platform Responsibility (ICPR)

## 2020 Yearly Report

At the 2019 Internet Governance Forum (IGF), during the customary stocktaking meeting of the Coalition on Platform Responsibility<sup>1</sup>, hereinafter “the Coalition”, taking place after the annual session, the main suggestion emerging from participants as a next step in the Coalition work has been the elaboration of a [Glossary of Key Terms on Platform Law and Policy](#), to provide a common language for academics, regulators and policymakers when discussing issues of platform responsibility.

The Coalition relies on spontaneous contributions of its members and thus, the Glossary initiative was launched issuing a request for suggested term, to shape the Glossary structure, based on the Coalition collective intuition of which list of terms may be most useful. Stakeholders agreed that the Glossary would be a “living document” that could be updated over time, while aiming at bringing together contributions from a heterogeneous range of disciplines and vocabularies.

It was also agreed that the definitional efforts should recognize as much as possible the existence of competing/alternative views on the topic. For this reason, contributors were encouraged to conceive of definitions as a springboard for learning more about those views, through links and references to external sources.

The following action plan was shared for feedback, and subsequently implemented between May and October 2020:

- 1) reception of expressions of interest for the development of the Glossary and participation to the Coalition session
- 2) consolidation of the proposed terms and circulation of a draft list of terms to be used to compose the Glossary
- 3) reception of feedback on the draft list and suggestion of further terms
- 4) creation of a multistakeholder working group dedicated to the elaboration of the glossary (the Glossary Working Group) including all the individuals who expressed interest in the initiative<sup>2</sup>
- 5) elaboration of draft entries describing the proposed terms
- 6) consolidation of the draft entries into a first draft version of the glossary and request for comment on the first draft

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<sup>1</sup> For further information on the Coalition, please visit the dedicate section of the Internet Governance Forum website <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/dynamic-coalition-on-platform-responsibility-dcpr>

<sup>2</sup> The members of the working group are (in alphabetical order): Luca Belli, Vittorio Bertola, Yasmin Curzi de Mendonça, Giovanni De Gregorio, Rossana Ducato, Luã Fergus Oliveira da Cruz, Catalina Goanta, Tamara Gojkovic, Terri Harel, Cynthia Khoo, Stefan Kulk, Paddy Leerssen, Laila Neves Lorenzon, Chris Marsden, Enguerrand Marique, Michael Oghia, Milica Pesic, Courtney Radsch, Roxana Radu, Konstantinos Stylianou, Rolf H. Weber, Chris Wiersma, Richard Wingfield, Monika Zalnieriute and Nicolo Zingales

- 7) consolidation of the updated version into a consolidated draft to be circulated at the IGF 2020 for further feedback from the IGF community
- 8) discussion of the draft at the 2020 session of the Coalition, during the IGF, and elaboration of a strategic approach aimed at maximising the impact of the Glossary.

While this may not be the first attempt to create a glossary of platform-related terms<sup>3</sup>, the above illustrates the uniqueness of the open and transparent bottom-up process that was followed to achieve these results, encapsulating at its core the IGF's principles of multistakeholder collaboration. We hope that this provides a basis for much needed mutual understanding and enables more meaningful and inclusive discussion among academics, policymakers, journalists, and other stakeholders with a keen interest in platform governance.

The glossary was edited by Prof Luca Belli and Prof Nicolo Zingales, both from FGV Law School, and was successfully presented at the IGF session of the Coalition dedicated to [Platform Regulations: Towards A Common Vocabulary](#). During the session, participants explored key issues, such as platform responsibility, content recognition technologies, disinformation, various forms of online harm, end to end encryption, recommender systems, data portability, interoperability, and non-discrimination.

The session provided the floor for a multistakeholder discussion, bringing together a range of views, and account for the relationships between existing laws, enforcement issues, and self-regulation in crucial platform governance domains, with the goal of enriching the Glossary with additional perspectives.

After the session, an updated and [commentable version of the Glossary was updated on the IGF website](#) in order to allow the widest number of stakeholders to provide feedback on the document.

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<sup>3</sup> See for instance <http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/blog/2018/01/glossary-internet-content-blocking-tools>